

mass transit, \$41.1 billion for highways, and \$47 billion for the Housing and Urban Development Department.

HUD oversees the administration of many of the nation's housing assistance programs including many important community-development programs like the Community Development Block Grants program which will receive \$4.2 billion under the bill. The bill also provides \$151 million for grants under the Economic Development Initiative to finance targeted economic investments, and \$18 million for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to improve blighted or distressed areas in our neighborhoods.

The bill appropriates \$1.9 billion for HUD homeless-assistance programs and \$8.7 billion for the Section 8 program. This program is used by local housing authorities to provide rental subsidies to landlords who rent to low-income families.

Additionally, as more Americans turn to public transit, the bill invests \$10.48 billion in the Federal Transit Administration, including \$1.83 billion for new construction and \$8.34 billion for formula grants to improve existing systems.

This bill makes critical transportation investments that will put Americans to work while also helping repair crumbling highways and bridges, improve public transit, and modernize air travel. I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

HONORING ALBERT COSYNS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert "Al" Cosyns upon being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Cosyns was recognized at the annual Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Mr. Al Cosyns was born on March 12, 1925 in Southern California. After farming in Orange County, California for sixteen years, he decided to head north. He hitched his bean harvester to his truck and made his way over the Grapevine, finding his home in the heart of California, Madera. For fifty years, Mr. Cosyns has raised a variety of crops and has been finding ways to adapt to the new cropping patterns necessary to the longevity of a farming operation. Over the years they have farmed almonds, alfalfa, black-eyed beans, lima beans, barley, cotton, corn, grapes, wheat, safflower, soybeans, oats, sugar beets and sudan. Today, the Cosyns Farm is currently located on 2500 acres; with almonds and grapes at the heart of the operation.

Mr. Cosyns' priorities have always been his ranch, his family and his community. Mr. Cosyns has always been active in the farming community and has served on a number of boards, including the Bonita Soil Conservation Board, the Sugar Beet Board and he has been a member of the Madera County Farm Bureau for forty-five years. He has also served as a 4-H Youth Advisor and is a supporter of the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Livestock Auction at the Madera and Chowchilla Fairs. Mr. Cosyns is the co-founder of the Madera Agricultural Youth Association (MAYA), an or-

ganization that supports youth in agriculture and provides scholarships to students entering college and pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture. There are now four generations of the Cosyns family in Madera and Mr. Cosyns enjoys passing his knowledge and joy of agriculture on to the newest generation, his great-grandchildren. Mr. Cosyns along with his sons, Allan and Rick, and his grandchildren, continue the farming tradition with their strong leadership in the community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert Cosyns upon being named the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Cosyns many years of continued success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Requesting Entity: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 72nd Street West, Billings, Montana 59106

Description: \$100,000 in federal funding will enable the Ranch to renovate several specialized learning and training rooms, as well as bring the building up to an acceptable standard for housing programs for at-risk youth.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Neighborhood Initiative
Requesting Entity: Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Helena, MT 59624

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the Rocky Mountain Development Council, in partnership with the City of Helena, to address a significant shortage of quality affordable housing through the redevelopment of a former iron foundry and 2.4 acre Brownfield site.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Requesting Entity: City of Shelby, 112 1st Street, South, Shelby, MT

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the City of Shelby to renovate its historic downtown with the goal of attracting downtown business development and creating new local jobs.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$300,000 in federal funds for the Great Falls Development Authority will enable Cascade County, Montana to extend existing water, sewer, and storm drains, as well as rail lines and roads into a proposed heavy industrial area. The newly-developed area will attract business development and economic diversity to the area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Pantry Partners Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 806, Stevensville, MT 59870-0806

Description: The Pantry Partners Food Bank serves approximately 200 families each month in the Stevensville area. \$200,000 in federal funding will allow the Pantry Partners Food Bank to construct a larger facility and to replace outdated equipment that is crucial to ensuring the safety of their food items.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$500,000 in federal funding will enable the reconstruction of Black Eagle Road in Cascade County. It is important that this deteriorating roadway be repaved to address safety concerns and to attract business traffic to the Great Falls region.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Billings, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$323,000 in federal funding for the City of Billings' Business Consortium Project for the Homeless will be used for the purchase or renovation of a building in downtown Billings, with the intent to provide housing and services in the upper-levels for homeless individuals or families, and to provide for a storefront business on the lower level.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Billings Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 1158, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$450,000 in federal funds will enable the Billings Food Bank to continue construction of a new facility with offices, a warehouse, commercial kitchens and classroom facilities to better serve and educate needy families in the Billings-area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Requesting Entity: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, 800 South Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711

Description: \$500,000 in federal funds will allow Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to reconstruct Highway 274, a treacherous 26-mile winding road that connects the Northern and Southern ends of the County. Reconstruction measures include rebuilding the road bed, widening the existing highway, and removing dangerous curves and switchbacks to address growing safety concerns.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG